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Subject.

FAMINE - (Bellary) - Test works - Report under Section 51 of the Famine Code - Submitted.

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Ref: M. No. 216/35-2.

Station Madras, *Dated the* 21st January 1935.

From

M.K.Vellodi, Esq., I.C.S.,
Joint Secretary, Land Revenue. and
~~The~~ Board of Revenue, ~~Revenue~~ Settlement, ~~etc.~~
Separate Revenue.

M.R.Ry.Diwan Bahadur N.Gopalaswami Ayyangar Avl., B.A.,B.L.
~~Resolution~~ Commissioner of Land Revenue & Settlement.
~~Reference.~~

Read the following:--

Letter from the Hon'ble Mr.F.W.Stewart, C.I.E., I.C.S., Collector of Bellary, Ref: C.5464/34 A5 dated the 16th January 1935.

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REFERENCE:

Submitted to the Government.

M.K. Vellodi 21/1/35
Joint Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department with a report.

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From (Name) The Hon'ble Mr.F.W.Stewart C.I.E.,I.C.S.,

(Designation) Collector,

Post Box ..... (Station) ~~Bellary.~~

Telegraphic Address .....

BOARD OF REVENUE
MADRAS
19 JAN 1935
LAND REVENUE AND SETTLEMENT

To The Secretary to the Commissioners,

Board of Revenue Land Revenue & Settlement,

Madras.

Ref.C. ~~No 5464/34A5~~, *dated* ~~16th~~ January 1935

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Sir,

*Famine - Bellary District - Kurugodu and Sirigeri test works - Report under Section 51 of the Famine Code.
Ref. Board's Proceedings Mis. 4436 dated 10.12.34

I submit a report under section 51 of the Famine Code.

2. The present condition and past history of the locality

Large parts of the Bellary and Siruguppa Taluks are affected but that most effected is the Kolur and Kurugodu firkas of Bellary Taluk and 29 villages of Tekkalakota and Karur firkas of Siruguppa Taluk with a population of 63979. The greater parts of the Taluks of Bellery and Siruguppa are of black soil, the remainder of red and mixed soils. Though the tract falls within the influence of both the monsoons, it does not get the full benefit of either and the failure of one or other of the monsoons is a frequent occurrence. The tract is therefore often subject to drought. The area ~~per~~ protected is very small and cultivation depends mainly on rainfall. The rainfall in Bellary and Siruguppa Taluks during 1934 was far below the average. In July it was good almost throughout the tract, but in the succeeding months it was scanty. So the mungari crops in this tract did not fare well. There was no rain till the 28th of October and the sowings of hingari crops were belated. Since the first week of November there has been none. Thus the hingari crops are not promising. Consequent on the failure of both mungari and hingari crops

the labouring classes were thrown out of employment in the affected areas. Bellary Taluk suffered from many famines in previous years. In 1921-22 a large number of relief works were opened under professional control and gratuitous relief was also given. Again in 1924 famine continued for about 9 months. In 1927 relief works were opened under the management of the District Board with grants sanctioned by Government. In 1931-32 road works were done by the District Board in the first instance and subsequently they were converted into test works under the management of a Famine Executive Engineer. In Siruguppa Taluk also there was famine in 1921-2 1927 and 1931-32 when road works were undertaken.

3. Rainfall, extent of cultivation and prevailing prices

(a) Rainfall:- The rainfall during 1934 as observed at the official rain gauges at Kurugodu, Siruguppa and Bellary was as follows:-

Month.	Rainfall at. Kurugodu	Siruguppa	Bellary.
January 34.			
February 1934			
March 1934			
April 1934	0.63	1.74	0.89
May 1934	-	1.17	0.52
June 1934	0.97	1.12	1.56
July 1934	3.81	4.30	4.43
August 1934	0.55	0.43	0.30
September 1934	0.23	2.00	0.19
October 1934	1.73	2.17	5.37
November 1934	0.34	0.47	0.99
December 1934			
	8.26	13.40	14.25

The total rainfall in Bellary and Siruguppa in 1934 was 14.25 and 13.40 inches as against the normal averages of 20.51 and 24.33 inches respectively.

(b) Cultivation:- The extent of cultivation during the current fasli in the four firkas is noted below:-

Taluk:	Firkas	Extents.
Bellary	Kolur, Kurugodu Firkas	143416 acres.
Siruguppa	Kaiur and Tekkalakota Firkas.	42546 acres(Hingari)
		69313 " (Mungari)

(c) Prevailing prices:- The prices of white cholam and

and Yellow cholam at Bellary and Siruguppa are as follows:

Bellary.

White Cholam.	11 Seers a rupee.
Yellow Cholam	12 Seers a rupee.

Siruguppa.

White Cholam	11-12 seers a rupee.
Yellow Cholam	14-15 seers a rupee.

4. Resources in respect of supply of food grains and facilities for importation:- The stock of food grains in affected villages is running short. People can buy in the market at Bellary. Except in Siruguppa Taluk there is Railway communication in the affected area. There are however bus services from Bellary to Siruguppa. The tract is well provided with road communications.

5. The measure of relief considered necessary, if any. Though the numbers on the test works do not justify famine relief at present, there is need for test works being continued. Relief by suspension or remission of Land Revenue is the surest relief and is of general application; it is necessary and proposals will be submitted shortly. The Revenue Divisional Officer has been asked to report when there is any necessity to organise gratuitous relief in villages.

6. The contingencies on which the probable duration of distress depends. The distress is expected to continue till the next South West Monsoon. If the South west monsoon is favourable and mungari rains set in, the ryots will start agricultural operations in red soil land which will provide some work for the cooly classes in Mungari areas. As however the soil of the taluks is mostly black and therefore cultivated late it is probable that most of the agricultural labourers will be out of work till September next and will have to be provided with employment by Government.

7. Proposals for strengthening the normal staff of the district:- This is not the only affected tract in the district. Test works have been opened in Alur Taluk and will be reported on soon. Others are likely to be opened in Rayadrug Taluk. In

due course full relief is likely and I shall require a Head-Quarters Sub Collector and an extra clerk in this Office. In these two taluks four Revenue Inspectors are likely to be required as Circle Officers for gratuitous relief. Others will be required in Alur and Rayadrug Taluks.

8. Crime and mortality:- There was only one grain riot viz. in Uttanur village of Siruguppa Taluk in October last. There was also an alarming case of murder of her three children by a women who committed suicide. The Panchayatdars at the inquest attributed it to mental worry due to lack of food. It was however an isolated case and like the grain riot was just a symptom of the anxiety which prevailed in the area in the month of October. The reports received from Kurugodu and Sirigeri stations do not show any marked increase in crime during this year. Some labourers from Handihal and Gundiganur villages of Siruguppa Taluk and some from Bellary Taluk have migrated to Hospet taluk where they get employment in sugarcane harvest and to Raichur in the Nizam's Dominions. There is nothing unusual in the migration to Hospet Taluk at least.

9. Two test works were opened one at Kurugodu of Bellary Taluk and the other at Sirigeri of Siruguppa Taluk on 24.12.34 and 20.12.34 respectively. Some people who own land are reported to be attending

10. The Board will realise that any lack of definitness in this report is due to the necessity for caution in discussing the state of the season in a tract where there are standing green crops. The general situation is that the white cholam averages about four feet in some places and will do quite well. In others it averages about two feet and will only provide fodder. Elsewhere it does not exist. The cotton is not likely to be generally ready for harvest till April and its prospects are less easy to forecast than that of cholam. Both crops will provde work in the fields but by no means enough to supply employment for all. The test works

provide a guarantee that no one will starve, while preserving Government against the indiscriminate charity that may be given at its expense through gratuitous relief if an attempt is made now to define a tract in which full relief should be given. It is important to remember that the last two years have been good years; in fact in the old days tests would probably not have been started yet because of that fact.

11. The statement in form C-III is enclosed.

For Collector.

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Form C III Area and Population affected and estimate of the number of persons for whom relief is likely to be required and of Probable Expenditure in Bellary District

Total area in Square miles.	Total Population	Area of Taluk in Sq. miles	Population per Sq. mile	Maximum no. of persons for whom relief work is likely to be required on any one day.	No. of units provided for in the Programme. In the aggregate total no. of units.	Public works. A. Sanctioned	Public works. B. Not sanctioned	Village works. A. Sanctioned	Village works. B. Not sanctioned	Relief Centres	Private works. Aides	Private works. Un-aided	Maximum no. of persons for whom gratuitous relief is likely to be required. On any one day.	Maximum no. of persons for whom gratuitous relief is likely to be required. In the aggregate total no. of units.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Bellary Taluk														
651·63 acres = 1·02 sq. miles	132133	189113	40892	2045	368100	514200	62725	227500	-	648862			200	3600
Sirguppa Taluk														
402·50 sq. miles.	62439	(70·56 sq. miles.	62308)	4615	830700	(1) 78000	-	2925 Repairs to Malapur.	-	46200	Vakkaram Budnuppa Vakkarni Hosahalli		About 200	3600
						(2) 5300 Road from Talur to Ulur				48100				

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Famine - (Bellary) - Test works - Kokkarachedu, Holalagondi and Sirigeri converted into relief works.

Mis. No. 342

Station: Madras Dated the 26th January 1935.

From

M.K. Vellodi Esq., I.C.S.,
Joint Secretary,
Board of Revenue,
Land Revenue & Settlement.

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M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar Avl., B.A., B.L.,
Commissioner of Land Revenue & Sett.

Read the following:-

Memo. from Government, Revenue Department, No.466-E/35-1 dated 25-1-35.

Letter from the Hon'ble Mr. F.W. Stewart C.I.E., I.C.S., Collector of Bellary, No. Ref.A5-5464/34 dated 25-1-1935.

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RESOLUTION.

The Collector's proposal to convert the three test works at Kokkarachedu, Holalagondi and Sirigeri into relief works is approved. A kitchen should be opened at each relief work as soon as possible.

2. The Collector is requested to watch the conditions in the affected villages and to make timely proposals for the grant of gratuitous relief in the shape of cash doles.

3. The following telegram will be sent to the Collector of Bellary:-

"Your 5464 twentyfifth conversion (of) three test works into relief works approved".

(True Extract)

for Joint Secretary.

To the Collector of Bellary.
" Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works & Labour Dept.

To the Accountant-General.

To the Surgeon General to the Govt. of Madras.

To the Director of Public Health

To the Chief Engineer, P.W.D. (General, Buildings & Roads)

To the Chief Engineer (Irrigation).

V.O/26.1.

Copy of letter from the Hon'ble Mr. F.W.Stewart C.I.E., I.C.S., Collector of Bellary, No. Ref.A5-5464/34 dated 25th January 1935:-

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Famine - Bellary district - Test works - Sirigeri, Holalagondi and Kokkarchedu - Relief works - Conversion Recommended.

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The following test works were started on the dates noted against them.-

Charge No. 1.	Kurugodu	24-12-34
Charge No. II	Sirigeri	20-12-34
Charge No. III	Holalagondi	31-12-34
Charge No. IV	Kokkarchedu	27-12-34

The attendance on the days of starting was 585, 199, 192 and 956 respectively. It has increased in the last three charges but in No. I the number fell to 121 on 28-12-1934 and on 22-1-1935 it was 386. So there is no justification for converting this into a relief work yet. The test may continue. In the other three charges the number of workers according to the latest report is as follows:-

Sirigeri	21-1-35	796
Holalagondi	22-1-35	1,023
Kokkarchedu	22-1-35	1,571

These three works are attracting substantial numbers of workers and their attendance may increase in due course. I therefore recommend that they be converted into relief works under section 53 of the Code. The main object thus secured will be provision for dependents' of the workers by means of cooked food at the kitchens attached to these works (section 131 of the Code). Gratuitous relief in the form of cash doles in the affected villages is not necessary yet. The kitchens will undoubtedly attract some beggars who usually live on charity in the villages. At first these can be fed at the kitchens in

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in the works under section 149 of the Code until the magnitude of the problem is known. The Famine Commissioner inspected these works during his recent visit in this district.

Instructions NIL
Audit Inspection

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Rev dept

Subject: Famine (Bellary). Report under section 51 of the

[G.O. 166 P. 35] From the Board of Rev (LRS)
Rep M. 216/35 2 & 21 I 2

To Under Secy.

Please see the report of the Coltr of Bellary at Pp 3-9 CF noted with reference to section 51 of the Famine Code.

Pp 17-18 of BK 39

2/. The two test works referred to in the Coltr's report were opened in the later half of December 1934 and it is thus nearly a month now since they were opened.

for 9 p 6 CF

Separate file

In the file re C-1 statements to HM C4 was ordered that the Coltr should be asked to report on the necessity of introducing relief works as the test works have been going on for sometime. Please see in this connection para 5 of the Coltr's report at p 5 CF & para 10 at Pp 6-7 CF —

para 5 p 5 CF

The Coltr considers that though the numbers on the test works do not justify famine relief at present there is need for test works being continued

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The Collr's view does not seem to be in accordance with the provisions of Sections 50 and 53 of the Code. H 17-18 of Bk 76

A draft memo to the Board is submitted for approval.

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23-1-35

A statement showing the number of persons employed on famine works in the districts of Anantapur and Bellary is put up below. The number has increased steadily since 29-12-34 chiefly on the works in Alur taluk. The number in Bellary taluk is decreasing. It is difficult to say definitely that the Collector's view is not in accordance with the provisions of section 53 of the Code.

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The following points may be considered:-

The Collector anticipates that the relief of distress will be necessary until September next -- paragraph 6 of his report, page 5 C.F.

He considers that in due course full relief is likely -- paragraph 7, pages 5-6 C.F.

I do not think test works are intended to provide a cheap form of relief and if they are used for this purpose it would provide an opening for the Government's critics. To continue test works until September is presumably out of the question. It is desirable that the Government should have some definite idea about the prospects of opening relief works and we may suggest to the Board that in the

No - they are for purpose of "test", not "relief"
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areas where test works have been opened it would be advisable to come to an early decision.

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I agree. The object of "test" work is not to give "relief" (the wage is made low for that purpose) but to enable it to be decided whether the distress is such as to demand the opening of relief work and draw the people from stricken areas.

A draft scheme for submission to the Treasury to seek a relaxation of the rules is of the distress here draft-ferred.

25.1.35

H 11 cF (Issued as Memo No 466 E/35.1 & 25.1.35)
H-13-19 cF [C No 604 E/35] from the Board of Trade (ARP) MS 342 & 26/1/35

To Under Secy.

Please see the notes supra. The Board of Trade has issued orders directing the Conversion of three ~~the~~ 'test' works in the Bellary dt into 'relief' works.

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A draft order recording the

papers is sub to approval. Finance may see.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVT.
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To Under Secy

The draft order may now issue

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	Week ending			
Bellary Dt	29·12·35	5·1·35	12-1-35	19·1·35
Taluk				
Bellary	669	509	486	429
Living apts	557	762	911	859
Adoni	1112 (one week)	1865 (two weeks)	2082	2459
Total	2318	3136	3479	3747

Anantapur Dt.

				On Relief
Taluk parties	1136	1380	1679	1616
Penukonda	1206	1352	1268	1603
Penukonda + Hindupur	2175 4517	2429 5161	2008 4955	1973 ½ 5192

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" _____ " Board of Rev (Rets) MS 342 " 26.1.1935 — H 13-19-F

~~Order~~ ~~Resolution~~ ~~Ms.~~ ~~Rout.~~ No. 328, dated 6.2.1935

Rec'd 29/1/35

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29.1.35 — 19.1.35 — 29.1.35

To,

The Board of Rev (Rets) ✓

" Finance Deptt } with Copy of H 13-19-F

" L.S.S. (O.H) ✓

Dpd. by — Van —

Dpr.'s Init'ls

Date 1935